

United Steelworkers Local 28-57: In September 2002, Congresswoman Slaughter intervened with NYSEG on behalf of Tom Nichols and Mike Swan from Local 28-57 to advocate the NYSEG provide Allvac with a 10-year contract at rates of five cents per kilowatt. This contract was part of Local 28-57's efforts to re-open Allvac's Lockport facility and expand their business in Western New York.

Int'l Chemical Workers Union Council Local 76: FMC, like many other Western New York manufacturers, is faced with unfair competition from increased Chinese imports. As a result of meeting with officials from Local 76 and FMC, Rep. Slaughter has continuously pressured the U.S. Commerce Department to enforce anti-dumping restrictions on Chinese chemical products including persulfates, a product which is also manufactured by FMC at its Tonawanda facility. Rep. Slaughter also arranged a meeting for FMC officials with the influential Canadian-American Business Council to help grow this local union company. She also arranged for James Jochum, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration at Commerce, to tour FMC to personally witness what happens when the Department of Commerce is "asleep on the job" and not taking our \$103 billion trade deficit with China seriously. Thanks largely to Rep. Slaughter's efforts, the Department of Commerce increased the anti-dumping duty on persulfates up to needed levels. Also, more recently, Rep. Slaughter helped ensure that the International Trade Commission reinstated the anti-dumping duty on persulfates, which is reassessed every 5 years.

Goodyear Tire in Niagara Falls: Last year, Rep. Slaughter intervened on behalf of Goodyear and the United Steelworkers of America to request that Goodyear receive and power allocation under the Power-for-Jobs program. In today's economy competition is very keen and any cost advantage must be pursued in order to ensure the future of the plant and its employees. This allocation represented a formidable tool to allow Goodyear to retain and potentially create new jobs.

PACE International Union Local 1-3516, President Rick Sirianni: On behalf of Local 1-3516 and Carbide Graphite, Rep. Slaughter personally contacted the company's four creditors and NYS Empire Development to lobby them to work with the union to keep this company open in Western New York. Although the plant ultimately closed, Rep. Slaughter worked tirelessly with the union to pursue every possible lead to keep the facility open.

National Treasury Employees Union: On behalf of 30 local IRS workers, Rep. Slaughter is leading efforts in the House of Representatives to oppose the proposed reduction-in-force (RIF)

which could eliminate over 30 positions in Buffalo. Not only will the RIF cost dedicated and experienced civil servants their careers, but the effectiveness and responsiveness of the IRS will likely decrease in Western New York. In addition, by eliminating this local presence, IRS officials will be stationed far from the field employees whom they support, which may likely increase errors and create delays in the system.

Postal Employees: Rep. Slaughter has assisted several federal employees, including many letter carriers and postal workers, resolve their workers compensation difficulties. She helped one employee pursue a second opinion to certify her injury, while another was assisted in receiving an expedited authorization for a medical procedure.